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SUBJ: PAKISTANI PILOT TRAINING

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1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL:

A. F5E PILOT TRAINING. AIR FORCE SECTION ARMISH/MAAG HAS CONSULTED WITH IIAF ON BASIS PARAS 1 AND 2 REFTEL. IRANIANS HAVE NO OBJECTION TO UR PROCEEDING WITH CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION.

B. SIX PAKISTANI FIXED-WING PILOTS ARRIVED ISFAHAN LAST WEEK TO BEGIN INITIAL HELICOPTED QUALIFICATION TRAINING. BELL HELICOPTER INTERNATIONAL (BHI) HAS BEEN ASKED TO INCLUDE PAKISTANIS AS PART OF REGULAR TRAINING CLASS FOR BEGINNING IRANIAN PILOTS. BHI REP INFORMED EMB THAT PROPOSED TRAINING WOULD CONSIST OF 210 FLIGHT HOURS ON HELICOPTER MODELS 205 AND 206 AIRCRAFT. COURSE WILL LAST ABOUT FOUR MONTHS. BHI OFFICIALS HAVE TOLD IRANIANS THAT THEY MUST HAVE USG APPROVAL BEFORE INITIATING TRAINING OF PAKISTANIS. PLEASE ADVISE.

2. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT ON COMPLETION OF INITIAL HELICOPTER
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QUALIFICATION TRAINING, PAKISTANIS MAY BE SLATED FOR TRAINING

ON BELL 214 AND AH-1J HELICOPTERS. EMPHASIZE THAT NO REQUESTS
OR SUGGESTION OF SUCH TRAINING HAS YET BEEN RECEIVED FROM IRAN,
BUT FEEL THAT DEPT SHOULD BE AWARE OF THIS POSSIBILITY.
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